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FM AMEMBASSY KABUL

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SUBJECT: MALLINCKRODT RENEWED BID ON SEIZED AFGHAN OPIUM

REF: AMSTERDAM 63 (NOTAL)

FOR SCHIFFERDECKER, NEA/PAB FROM RAU

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO R.W. KENT OF MALLINCKRODT,
ST. LOUIS, RE BID ON GOA SEIZED OPIUM.

QUOTE

YOUR REP KAZEMI INFORMS US MINCOMMERCE JALALLAR THOUGHT YOUR
BID PLAN NUMBER ONE WAS TOO LOW. HE EXPECTED BID OF 100
DOLLARS PER KILO. DESPITE THIS INITIAL EXPRESSION, HE PROMISED
PRESENT YOUR OFFER TO AFGHAN CABINET FOR DECISION. JALALLAR
CURRENTLY OUT OF COUNTRY FOR ABOUT TEN DAYS. BOTH EMBASSY
AND KAZEMI SUGGEST YOU AWAIT RETURN OF JALALLAR BEFORE
CONSIDERING WITHDRAWING OFFER. END QUOTE

2. FOR DEPARTMENT: KENT VISITED KABUL RECENTLY AND AFTER
MEETING WITH MINCOMMERCE JALALLAR SUBMITTED NEW HIGHER BID
FOR 13 TONS SEIZED OPIUM PRESENTLY HELD BY GOA. JALALLAR
OBVIOUSLY TRYING OBTAIN HIGHEST POSSIBLE PRICE FROM ANY
BIDDER. MALLINCKRODT REP TOLD EMBOFFS HE BOUGHT PREVIOUS
SEIZED AFGHAN OPIUM THREE TIMES BEFORE DELIVERY WAS MADE.
THIS LATEST RENEWED BID AND GOA REACTION THERETO CONFIRMS
EMBASSY'S SUSPICIONS THAT SEALED BID PROCEDURE IS HONORED
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IN THE BREACH AT LEAST FOR OPIUM TRANSACTIONS.

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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED MALLINCKRODT

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